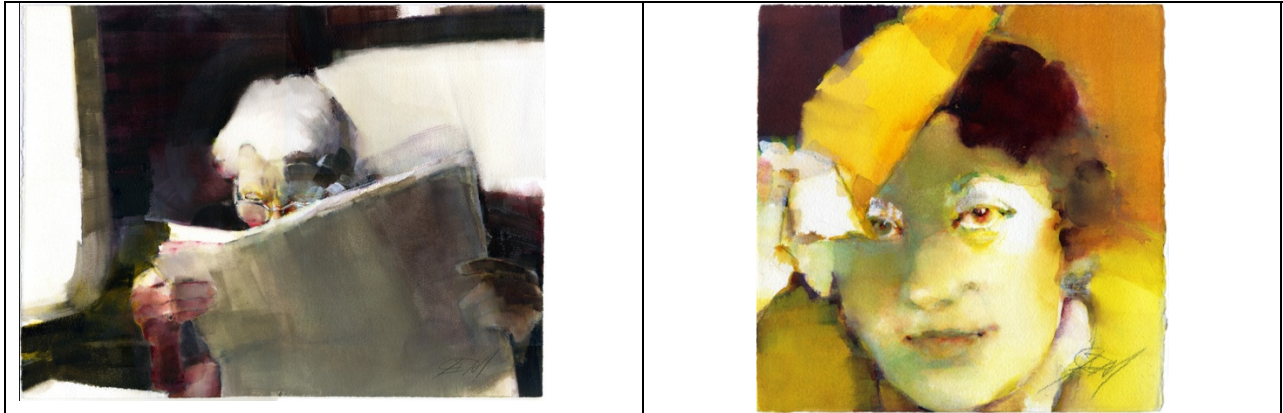


**West Hills Art League
www.westhillsart.org
September, 2011**

Welcome Back! We are excited to begin our new 2011/2012 season beginning on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00pm at Sharon Community Center (lower level). Bring a friend; all are welcome.



Our guest artist for our kick-off meeting is Jeannie McGuire

Jeannie's passion is creating "figurative works"; strong watercolor paintings of people that illuminate their personalities, explore their character and play with persona. Jeannie's creative paintings are impressionistic original pieces of art with identifiable subjects versus a traditional portrait. For those who prefer a more realistic look, her style lends a fresh feeling to portraits and full figures.

Jeannie works from her own photographs, acquired snapshots, client family photos and some life drawing. Often working in series, Jeannie's work progresses through various themes; she always has a new challenge.

Jeannie's background is in graphic design and photography as well as the fine art she has explored throughout her lifetime. She continues to exhibit in regional and international shows, winning numerous awards. Jeannie teaches workshops, demos, conducts small group and individual instruction, and juries art exhibitions. Many of her originals are reproduced into fine art prints, writing cards and bookmarks.

Join Jeannie and our fellow members Thursday night as we kick off our new 2011-2012 season. Jeannie will talk about her passion and present a slideshow of her recent artwork.

Jeannie is affiliated with are the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Under Water and various small groups of collaborative artists. She is also the winner of the AWS International Award and the PSW Waterworks Best of Show.

Please visit Jeannie's website (<http://jeaniemcguire.com/>) for information about upcoming exhibits and to see more of her original artwork.

Members Dues: Annual membership dues are due. Please complete the attached form with your current/updated information and bring with you to the meeting on 09/15/11. Members who pay their membership fee by 10/20/11 receive a \$5 discount. Please be sure to include an e-mail address, if possible so you we can receive the latest newsletters and announcements. Paper newsletters are only mailed to members without e-mail.

Upcoming Guest Artists and Events: (*tentative)

10/20/11: Chris McGinnis (Manufacturing)

11/17/11: George Salamacha (Framing and Matting)

12/04/11: Winter Event at Robin Hill

01/19/12: Barry Jeter, Guest Artist (Watercolor)

02/16/12: Jonathan Trueblood (Mixed Media)

03/15/12: Kelly Blevins (Watercolor)

04/19/12: (open)

05/xx/12: WHAL Annual Art Exhibit – Robin Hill

07/07/11: PTI Exhibit

Images are required for the post cards. Please send .jpg images suitable for the post card artwork no later than 04/01/11 to kim.stewart7@verizon.net

Related Events:

The **65th Aqueous International 2011** will be held on 09/25/11 – 10/30/11 at Gallery Sim on the South Side. The opening reception is 09/25/11 from 1:00 – 4:00pm.

Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 32nd International Juried Exhibition: Scheduled for 10/08/11 through 11/11/11 at the Chester County Art Association. Over \$9000 in Cash and Merchandise Awards will be awarded. For more information, go to <http://pennsylvaniawatercolor.blogspot.com/>

Confluence: The Merrick Maters Art Exhibition: is scheduled for 05/18/12 – 07/06/12. For additional information and to download the prospectus, go to www.merrickartgallery.org.

Heritage Valley Call For Artists: A wall mural project is being initiated by Heritage Valley – Beaver in the reception area of the hospital located at 1000 Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver, PA 15009. For additional information, contact the merrickartgallery@verizon.net. A copy is also provided on the WHAL website.

PWS New Member Screening: The next PWS new member screening will be held Sunday, 09/11/11 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in Simmons Hall at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. For additional information, contact darla.duffy@verizon.net.

Fall Gallery Walk in Sewickley: It's here! How we all look forward to the fall gallery walk. This year the gallery walk is Friday, 09/30/11 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturday 10/01/11 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Stroll through the village and enjoy art, music, and dining. The event is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Sewickley Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Sewickley Arts Initiative.

Juried Fiber Arts Show will be held at Sweetwater in Sewickley on 09/02/11 – 09/23/11. An artist reception is scheduled for 09/23/11 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Complimentary wine, refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This exhibition will present a variety of interpretations of what "My Place" may be and may mean to the artists. This could be simply the immediate environment where they live, country or city; something more intimate as their home or the identity of space, whether real or just imaginary. The artwork may also focus on expressing feelings and emotions the artist may have towards this "place." Where am I now? What place am I longing for? In that place, will I find comfort? The artists will give the viewer an opportunity to see through their work the way that they "see" their place. This exhibition is juried by Barbara Westman.

PCA Screening: Pittsburgh Center for the Arts will be screening artwork by new consignment artists for their shop to complement existing mix of work currently represented. Artists living or working within a 150-mile radius of the Center are invited to submit digital pictures to www.pittsburgharts.org for consideration. The deadline for submission is 09/16/11. PCA's phone number is 412-361-0873.

House of Two Sisters Gallery: The House of Two Sisters Gallery located at 507 Beaver St. in Sewickley is displaying Will White's art work. Anne Eden and Ray Zielinski (WHAL members) also have artwork displayed at this gallery. Please stop in and support our fellow artists.

In Memoriam:

We are saddened to learn Ginny DeForest, passed away 08/26/11 in Tallahassee. Ginny was a long time member of WHAL until retiring to Florida. Over the years, Ginny won numerous prizes for her outstanding artwork and flower arranging. She held many one woman shows and exhibitions at various museums and art galleries in Pittsburgh and Florida. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Ginny's family. Online condolences may be made at www.abbeyfh.com



West Hills Art League Membership Form 2011-2012 Season

To apply for or renew membership, please complete the WHAL membership form below and return with check or money order to the address listed below or in person at the regular monthly business meetings.

*The annual membership fee is \$25 for an individual, or \$35 for a family
Returning members may apply a \$5 discount if renewed by Oct. 20, 2011:
\$20 individual/\$30 family*

**Please make checks payable to:
West Hills Art League**

Mail to:
The West Hills Art League
Director of Membership
P.O. Box 1015
Moon Township, PA 15108

West Hills Art League Membership Form

Please print:

Name _____ New Returning

Family Member _____ New Returning

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Web Site _____

The West Hills Art League is a volunteer organization. We thrive when our members pitch in. What kind of skills or time would you like to contribute to our league? Even an hour or two each month helps a lot. Ask your board members what volunteer opportunities are available or visit our website: www.westhillsart.org or take a moment to describe how you would like to contribute your time.

*Welcome to West Hills Art League!
We look forward to meeting you!*